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	AH	5,887,594	03/30/99	LoCicero III et al.			
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	AE	3,946,740	3/30/76	Bassett			
	AF	4,006,747	2/8/77	Kronenthal et al.			
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	AU	4,736,746	4/12/88	Anderson			
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	BH	5,447,512	9/5/95	Wilson et al.			
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	BJ	5,496,331	3/5/96	Xu et al.			
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	BN	5,624,453	4/29/97	Ahmed			
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	BP	5,662,683	9/2/97	Kay			
	BQ	5,665,096	9/9/97	Yoon			
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	BU	5,728,109	3/17/98	Schulze et al.			
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